



Thursday May 28, 2020

5:00p.m.

Board Minutes

Clarification

Rich Holst announced an in person meeting of the Board was not possible due to the COVID pandemic. The meeting will take place via Zoom with votes counted by roll call via the Recording Secretary.

Call to Order

The Board Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Rich Holst at 5:03 pm

Reading of Mission and Vision

Read by Rich Holst

Attendance

Members present: Rich Holst, Alexandra Howes, Phil Jemielita, Andrew Ng, and Elizabeth Neilson

Member absent: Tim Becken and Doris Espelien

Others in attendance: Betsy Lueth, Executive Director; Erin Spector, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes

- A motion to approve the May 7, 2020 special board meeting minutes made by Jemielita, second by Ng. No discussion. By a roll call vote with 5 yes votes, motion carried.
- A motion to approve the April 2020 board meeting minutes was made by Ng, second by Neilson. Discussion: None. By a roll call vote with 5 yes votes, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Lueth mentions that the agenda needs an edit to add Zoom vigil. A motion to approve the newly revised agenda was made by Ng, second by Howes for approval of the Agenda.

Discussion: None. By a roll call vote with 5 yes votes, motion passed.

Public Comments (each member of the public has 5 minutes to speak)

None

Action Items

- April Financials - Lueth mentions ADM is down but because of hiring less substitute teachers over pandemic time, financials are up. There will be 400 chrome books purchased for 1 on 1 student use. Ng motions to accept April financials, second by Neilson. By a roll call vote with 5 yes votes, motion carried.
- 2020-2021 Budget - Jemielita says the budget is breaking even. The current budget is assuming the worst case using lower ADM. The plan is to assume lower enrollment and budget for that. ADM of 565 is worst case. Lueth mentions getting stimulus money and that could be used for technology costs. No impact on current staffing for next year due to lower enrollment. Motion to adopt the budget (\$9,365,466, with total revenue of \$9,419,020) made by Neilson, second by Howes. No discussion. By a roll call with 5 yes votes, motion carried.
- Uniform Policy - Current draft of policy calls for changes to allow students more flexibility in top options. Motion to accept revised uniform policy made by Neilson, second by Ng. No discussion. By a roll call vote with 5 yes votes, motion carried.
- Enrollment Policy - Lueth explains editing Enrollment Policy language to add “foster child” language per the MDE recommendation. Highlighted language in the agenda is directly out of statute. Motion to accept revised Enrollment Policy made by Howes, second by Ng. No discussion. By a roll call with 5 yes votes, motion carried.
- Plan for July Board Meeting – Set Date - Board discusses July dates. Agree on July 23, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Motion to accept July board date made by Howes, and second by Neilson. No discussion. By a roll call vote with 5 yes votes, motion carried.

New Business

- Health Insurance Cost Sharing – Included in 2020-2021 Budget - Lueth reviews new health insurance cost sharing details. Slight increase for staff.
- Conflict of Interest Forms - These were attached to the board packet and the forms are needed back to Lueth in June.
- Assembly Vigil (newly added item) - Set for 4:00pm on Friday, May 29th. Staff will have the opportunity to participate as will families and students. It will not be open to the public.

Old Business

- Marketing and Enrollment - Pioneer Press ad is in progress. We are reaching out to all families who applied but have not given for sure acceptance or decline. Lueth is working on public radio ads. We are continuing to keep students but need to recruit more 6th graders. Board members discuss starting to write reviews on social media. To help spread positive reviews.

Reports

- Committee Reports
 - Governance - Board elections are online and close Friday, June 5th. Neilson says so far 4% or 34 voters have replied.
- Principal/Director Report - Lueth discusses drive thru graduation plans and details. Details locker clean out/pickup for students. Lueth details the school doing social activities during the summer to keep students engaged. Possible items are a dance parity and/or trivia games.
- Teachers Report - Ng reviews summer math camp he is organizing. Good response so far.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 pm by Holst.